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Gentlemen-

I read with dismay the recent incident in the Animas and Colorado Rivers.

I am an environmentally minded engineer, and voted for President Obama, and I have a message for you.

First off, thank you for stepping up and taking responsibility. However, The fact that this was caused by an EPA staff member is beyond confounding. And now there is a tough job ahead, the EPA needs to pursue an investigation with intent to terminate those found responsible. That's it - fire them.

Government agencies need to hold their technical and field staffs accountable, not just the political appointees. When incompetence manifests in an egregiously harmful manner, those responsible need to be let go. Even if they are women or minorities. This is one of the distinguishing features of the private market over government, the private market doesn't stand for incompetence. Now your agency, must step up, and walk those responsible for this unwarranted tragedy out the door, regardless of age, gender or ethnicity.

Reprimands won't be sufficient, people and staff need to know there are consequences for doing harm.

Sincerely,

Robert Derham,
Concerned US Citizen

